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1. FOLLOWING AS REQUESTED REF A IS TEXT OF REF B CITED IN REF B.
DATE OF REPORT IS 1 JUNE 1971.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. SUMMARY. (C) THIS REPORT FORWARDS INFORMATION FROM
A CONVERSATION WITH LTC TIN OO, ACTING DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE
SERVICES INTELLIGENCE, PERTAINING TO CAPTURED U NU WEAPONS IN
MOULMEIN (1630H-9738E) AREA AND REASONS FOR NOT BRIEFING MILITARY
ATTACHEFON MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN BURMA. END SUMMARY.

19(C) SERIAL NUMBERS OF CAPTURED U NU WEAPONS OF US MANUFACTURE.
LTC TIN OO ASSURED RO THAT HE WOULD PASS TO THIS DAO THE SERIAL
NUMBERS OF ALL K WEAPONS CAPTURED IN BURMA FROM U NU FORCES.
IN ADDITION, HE WOULD GIVE LOT NUMBERS OF THE AMMUNITION CAPTURED.
HE DID NOT WANT ANY PUBLICITY GENERATED FROM THIS INFORMATION AND
IT SHOULD OMUE BE USED TO DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF THE WEAPONS.
HE BELIEVES THAT THEY CAME FROM US SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT TO LAOS, AND
THAT THE BATTALION COMMANDERS WERE SELLING THEM IN THAILAND TO
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U NU FORCES.

2.(C) MILITARY BRIEFING FOR DEFENSE ATTACHES. LTC TIN OO STATED THAT THEY DID NOT HOLD MILITARY BRIEFINGS BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE TO INVITE THE CHINESE AND THAI MILITARY ATTACHES. HE FELT THAT QUESTIONS CONCERNING CHINESE COMPLICITY IN THE SHAN AND KACHIN STATES AND QUESTIONS ON THE THAI BACKING OF U NU FORCES WOULD ONLY BE EMBARRASSING AND COULD LEAD TO DAMAGED RELATIONS BETWEEN BURMA AND THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. HE SAID THAT THE MILITARY BRIEFINGS WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE SINCE MOST OF THE ATTACHES FOUND OUT THE MILITARY SITUATION FROM PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH DDSI PERSONNEL.

COMMENT(C) RO IS NOT CONVINCED THAT LTC TIN OO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO HAND OVER THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE WEAPONS TO THIS OFFICE AND WE WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IF THEY ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE. HIS REASON FOR NOT HOLDING MILITARY BRIEFINGS IS PROBABLY TRUE. NONE OF THE BURMESE, DDSI PERSONNEL WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ON CHINESE AND THAI INVOLVEMENT. PARTICULARLY THEY DO NOT WANT TO MAKE THE CHINESE ANGRY. WE WILL PROBABLY NOT SEE A MILITARY BRIEFING AS LONG AS THOSE CONDITIONS EXIST. END QUOTE.
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